

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the applicant's amendment filed on 1/21/2011.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christine Beninati, reg. no. 37,967, attorney of record for this application on 2/7/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, after "to form image information" in line 10 of page 2, replace the "." with "," and insert --the apparatus further comprising a mechanical connection between the cameras, wherein the mechanical connection is configured to cause the turning of the cameras relative to each other to correspond to the current imaging mode in response to the mutual distance between the being altered.--.

In claim 19, deleted the word "and" on line 18 of page 3.

In claim 19, after "to form image information" in line 20 of page 3, replace the "." with "," and insert --and causing the turning of the cameras relative to each other to correspond to the current imaging mode in response to the mutual distance between the cameras being altered by a mechanical connection between the cameras.--.

In claim 26, after "relative to each other" in line 13 of page 4, replace the "." with "," and insert --the camera module further comprising a mechanical connection between the cameras, wherein the mechanical connection is configured to cause the turning of the cameras relative to each other to correspond to the determined imaging mode in response to the mutual distance between the cameras being altered.--.

In claim 28, after "A computer-readable" in line 17 of page 4, insert --non-transitory--.

In claim 28, after "form image information" in line 2 of page 5, replace the "." with "," and insert --wherein causing the turning of the cameras relative to each other to correspond to the current imaging mode in response to the mutual distance between the cameras being altered is performed by a mechanical connection between the cameras.--.

Claims 29-32 are cancelled by the examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. An initialed and dated copy of Applicant's IDS form 1449 is attached to the instant office action.

Reasons for Allowance

4. **Claims 1-25 and 33 are allowed.**

The reason for allowance is stated in the applicant's remark filed on 1/21/2011.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to QUANG V. LE whose telephone number is (571)270-5014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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